

Sour Grapes, Sweet Revenge, Sovereign God

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WARM UP

What interests and hobbies do you have or would you like to start? How can you use those interests and skills for God's glory? Consider sponsoring a Summer Affinity Group.

COMING UP

GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR

Summer Affinity Groups June 17–August 18. Apply today to sponsor a group of your own! Visit GracePolaris.org/SummerGroups to get started.

Vacation Bible School Monday–Friday, June 25–29. Learn more, register your kids, volunteer, or make a donation at www.VacationBible.School.

Communion Sunday, June 10, 5:00 p.m., FC main gym

WITNESS

- On your white board, list the names of people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus.
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 What was the most fascinating or amusing part of the sermon passage?
- 2 Jacob devised a plan to successfully prosper at the expense of his father-in-law, Laban. What do you think of the ethics or morality of Jacob's pursuit (30:27–43)?
- 3 In marriage, God instructs a husband and wife to leave their parents and cleave to each other (Genesis 2:24). How would you assess Leah and Rachel's adherence to this design (31:14–16)? What are the legitimate tensions that Leah and Rachel faced in light of their family obligations?
- 4 If you are married or have married children, where have you had the most difficulty in terms of relationship with your in-laws? What have you learned? How has God helped you?
- 5 The Bible says that Jacob "deceived" Laban by something he did not tell him. What does this tell us about the nature of truth-telling? Is silence about unwelcome news always deception (31:20)?
- 6 Jacob claimed God's favor ("God's on my side!") in a conflict to which he had contributed (31:42). Was he correct? When can making such claims be problematic or even manipulative in our relationships?
- 7 Laban is correct when he says, in effect, that God sees everything and will judge everything that we do in life: actions, words, and attitudes (31:48–53). How does this affect our family (and other) relationships? What does it mean to live before an audience of One?

PRAY

Pray that God would work in your heart in whatever ways are necessary to improve your relationships with your family and others.